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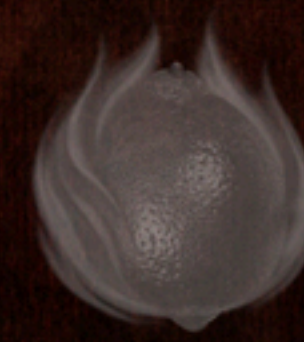
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SPIRITUAL FRUIT

AND THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST



GOODNESS



GALATIANS 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, **goodness**, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.



GOODNESS

The state or quality of being good.

Morally excellent, virtuous, righteous

Not evil, not bad, not wrong



Goodness can describe
both an attribute and actions.



PSALM 119:68

⁶⁸ You are good, and what you do is good; teach me
your decrees.



God is good.



PSALM 107:1

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.



PSALM 90:2

2 Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.



God does good.



PSALM 65:5

⁵ You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.



JAMES 1:17

¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.



GENESIS 1:31

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good...



ROMANS 5:12

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned.



GALATIANS 5:17

¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other...



GALATIANS 5:19-21

¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.



What about us?
Can we become good on our own?



TITUS 3:4-5

⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.



EPHESIANS 2:8-9

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—
and this is not from yourselves, **it is the gift of God—**
⁹ **not by works,** so that no one can boast.



GALATIANS 5:25

²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.



The Spirit conveys God's goodness to us!



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So, we can become good—our character.



EPHESIANS 4:22-24

²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to **put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.**



GALATIANS 5:24

²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.



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So, we can become good—our character.

And, we can do good—our calling.



EPHESIANS 2:10

¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



TITUS 2:13-14

¹³ ...we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, **eager to do what is good.**

